

SENATE BILL 1235

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to state contracts with
businesses owned by African Americans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR)
shall conduct a study on disparities in the issuance or award of state contracts to
businesses, companies, and firms owned and operated by African Americans. TACIR
shall include in the study recommendations regarding the manner in which to reduce
such disparities.

(b) The study should strive to provide information on the impact of such
disparities on the African-American business community, and the manner in which other
states and jurisdictions of the United States have addressed such disparities.

(c) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to
TACIR upon request in connection with the study required under subsection (a).

(d) On or before January 31, 2022, TACIR shall report its findings and
recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the governor, members of the
state and local government committee of the senate, and members of the state
government committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.